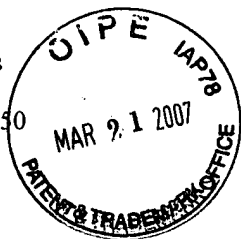


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed December 22, 2006, reconsideration is requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 2-10, 12-18 and 20 are pending in this application.

The pending claims, claims 2-10, 12-18 and 20, were provisionally rejected over claims 3-14 of commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/569,155 under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory, obviousness-type double patenting. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

The provisional double-patenting rejection is the only remaining rejection in this application, which has an earlier filing date than the '155 application. "If a 'provisional' nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) rejection is the only rejection remaining in the earlier filed of the two pending applications, ... the examiner should withdraw that rejection and permit the earlier-filed application to issue as a patent